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# FESS' HOTEL.

PERRY DOOLITTLE, Proprietor,

CORNER KING AND CLYMER STREETS.

Madison, Wis., Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1886

My Dear Brother John

I have been here  
ten days serving as Grand Juror of U.S.  
Court. Have been walking all about  
the city trying to find old familiar  
places but everything nearly seems  
changed, however the University proper  
& the North & South buildings are anchor-  
-fixed on the outside at least. I  
tried to park into our old room  
on the corner & also tried to find  
the place where we went in bathing  
but could hardly identify the spot.  
Our duties as jurors are about done  
so we expect to be allowed to  
return to home & work to-morrow.

Your kind letter of sympathy was received, accept of my heartfelt thanks for your kind words of consolation & encouragement. I ~~was~~ surprised it would be my lot to bear such a heavy loss, to drink such a bitter cup, to endure such anguish. The scene is still reproduced before me every day with undiminished sorrow. Poor Johnnie, the pleasant, mischievous, dutiful merry boy, gone & nothing left of him but a pleasant memory, but we shall meet again.

He told his playmates repeatedly that as soon as he graduated he was going right to Cal to his Uncle John & sooner if he would let him.

We are all quite well. Mother is real well & seems happy & contented

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Sarah is much better & stronger than when you won there but still is not strong & has had spells.

My family have been all together at home since June. Carrie has gone to Bayfield Co with Miss Rosenow's Baptist her in conducting County school examinations but will return in a week or two. Annie & I will have gone to the town of Buffalo for a visit while I am here. Will attend a ~~attended~~ examination of teachers & got a good Certificate to teach. As he did not yet get I think it will do him good to teach a few schools for a few years.



I am going send you some photos  
in a short time.

I had a visit with Willis yesterday. He was here as a delegate to the State Republican Convention. He reports his family well. I suppose you have heard how wealthy they feel over their little daughter.

He (the Grand Jury) visited the University Experimental farm today which proved very interesting. we saw a great variety of grasses, corn wheat, grapes, cattle, hogs, potatoes &c &c also emulop, a model barn, &c

We also visited the Washburn Observatory but as it was not the regular day for the reception of visitors they did show us anything through the telescope. Madison is very handsome but then seems to be but little business going on. Except at the hotels.

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We have had an exceedingly dry summer, hardly any rain from March to Sep 1st. We have been told that it is a regular California summer. Our crops are not as good as usual. Consequently the outlook for business is not very good. How is K. C. real estate business. We sent \$1000.00. then after it lay idle those months we sent for it & put it where it has gained \$ fifty per cent in less than three months.

If you have any idle money one or two thousand dollars

And you could trust me <sup>personally</sup> with it. I would give you eight or ten per cent for one year & could make a handsome life for myself besides & no risk. I am anxious to make some money, so as to enable me to get out of business, as I could make very much more money at other business while would not require such constant attention.

Mother shows me all of your & Annie's letters. Am always glad to hear from you directly or indirectly - glad to hear that Annie is improving. Give her my love. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Miss. Wanda and Lilly. Excuse my long delay in writing to you & believe me in true brotherly kindness, You Bro. D. S. Davis